4/12/76

Dear all of you fine people-

If I can't tell from the card whether it is a horse or a jackass;

If after 6 months on an anti-coagulent;

If there is no brand on me, "U.S." or cavalry or any other;

I love your card, your thoughts and your remembering.

Thanks. So much!

The day one of you mailed this I worked 21 hours.

With a youngster who today phoned and told me he has the flu. (He's only 37.)

Let me address the nice note someobe added to the card under "Old", "But young in heart and spirit!!)"

Frederick Lewis Allen, who wrote Only Yesterday: A reminiscent History of the 1920s, was in his 70s when his younger wife presented him with a child.

(It is a fine book if you are not familiar with it.)

He called a press conference in his old Kansas farm-house home, for the kitchen.

Some of you may not havebeen born by then. It was circa 1930.

When the press filed in he opened it by ppinting to the electric refrigerator, by no means common then.

When allm were present he ggain called attentkon to the fact that no ice man came there.

He then offered ~~xxxxxxx~~ the opinion that it was not the chronological age but the temperament.

Phlebitis or not I'll pass 70.

But at 63 I thabk you all and love you all for this.

Sincerely,

P.S. Somebody's gotta give the others a hugg, a kiss or both for me!

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...OLD!!

(But young at heart
+ in spirit!!)

Happy Birthday!!

Jim Rand
Mike Swem
& Claudia Erickson

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